

**UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: To Be Assigned Group Art Unit: N/Y/K  
Re: Application of: Ronald Brown MILLER, et al.  
Serial No.: N/Y/K  
Filed: Herewith  
For: **CONTROLLED RELEASE TRAMADOL  
FORMULATION**

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Page 1, Title of Invention, please **insert** the term "Tramadol" between the words Release and Formulation.

After the title of the invention, please **insert** the following paragraph:

↘ This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/677,798, filed July 10, 1996; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/241,129, filed May 10, 1994 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,591,452). ↘